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| 8. | M/s. Hoechst Pharm. Ltd. | IL : 92/77 dt. 27-6-77 | 1. Catilan Capsules 11.1 million Nos. 2. Vitahect 3.1 lakh Litres 3. Hostacortin 'H' 10 77,000 vials ml. |
| 9. | M/s. Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceuticals Ltd. | IL : 140 (77) dt. 8-12-77 | 1. Diphtheria Tetanus Vaccine 6.40 lakhs doses |
| 10. | M/s. Amrutanjan Ltd. | IL : 36 (76) dt. 14-6-78 | 1. Amrutanjan Pain Balm (5-25 gms.) 21,65,000 Nos. 2. Do. (12 gms.) 20.57 Million Nos. 3. Do. (24 gms.) 2,60,000 Nos. 4. Dermal Ointment (16 gms.) 1,80,000 Nos. 5. Cetomix Cough Mixture (60 ml.) 20,000 Nos. |

Rise in prices of Antibiotics

4885. SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of two antibiotics formulations viz. Ampicillin and Chloramphenicol have gone up substantially during last one year;

(b) if so the reasons for the same and percentage increase in prices; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure their availability at cheap prices ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA) :

(a) During the last one year, there have been some increases in Ampicillin and Chloramphenicol formulation prices.

(b) The price increases have followed increases in the prices at which Ampicillin and Chloramphenicol, which are canalised bulk drugs, were made available to the formulators. The prices of these new antibiotics were increased so as to enable drugs like the anti-malarial chloroquin phosphate and the anti-TB streptomycin sulphate to be distributed at low prices.

The increase in the prices of Ampicillin formulations allowed after 1-8-1977 varied from 1.70 per cent to 19.90 per cent and in the case of Chloramphenicol formulations, the increases allowed after the same

date varied from 0.60 per cent to 10.70 per cent.

(c) The pooled price of Chloramphenicol powder has since been reduced from Rs. 586 kg. to Rs. 460/Kg. Consequential reductions in the price of formulations of this drug would be notified in due course.

Forums Associated by Government for Fixation of Prices of Bulk Drugs.

4886. SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what forums have been associated by Government for fixation of prices of bulk drugs during the last three years ;

(b) what was the categorisation for placing the cost of production of different bulk drugs for discussion at different forums and who decided for discussion at a particular forum; and

(c) how it was ensured that no discrimination was exercised in fixing the prices full history of price fixation of Indomethacin, Phenothiazine, Ethacrynic acid, Streptomycin, Griseofulvin, Pibalyal Sulphathiazole, Tetracycline and Meticonidazole may be given ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA) :

(a) The Prices of bulk drugs have been fixed by the Government on the advice

of Drug Prices Review Committee/High Level Group on Inter-Ministerial Coordination in the field of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals.

(b) Broadly, the High Level Group dealt with the price fixation of essential bulk drugs listed in Schedule I of the DPCO, 1970 and bulk drugs cost examined by the Working Group set up in 1974 under the Chairmanship of Chairman, BICP. The DPRC dealt with the price fixation of other bulk drugs.

(c) The composition of DPRC and of the High Level Group was broad-based and it included representatives from the concerned Ministries and Departments of Government including the Ministry of Health & FW, Ministry of Commerce and DGTD; the conclusions of these groups would, therefore be objective. Details regarding the price fixation of Indomethacin, Phenothiazine, Erthromycin Streate, Griseofulvin, Pthalyl Sulphathiazole, Tetracycline and Metro-nidazole are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

| S. No. | Name of the Drug | Name of the Manufacturer | Price as prevailing from time to time | Remarks |
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| 1. | Indomethacin | Themis Organasan Chemicals | 22-1-1977 (Rs. 1268.50/kg. (declared by the Co.) | The Company have since intimated that they are no longer producing this drug. |
| | | Marmaid Chemicals | 13-10-1977 Rs. 1400/kg (Do.) | |
| 2. | Phenothiazine Fine veterinary Phenothiazine Fine Dispersible Powder. | Alkali and Chemical Corporation of India Ltd. | Rs. 11878.00/tonne (declared by the Co. in 1970) Rs. 12480.00/tonnes (Do.) | Both bulk drugs are for veterinary use. The present prices of formulations are based on a price of Rs. 28,200 per tonne for Phenothiazine, Fine dispersible powder. |
| 3. | Erythromycin Stearate | Themis Pharmaceuticals | 4-9-1976 Rs. 1300/kg. (fixed on the recommendations of the High Level Group). | The Company have declared a price of Rs. 1649.56/kg. in Sept., 1975. They supplied the drug at a price of Rs. 1112.50/48 upto March, 1976 through CPC. On the 4th Sept, 1976, the price was fixed at Rs. 1300/kg. |
| | | Do. V | 20-4-1976 Rs. 1706/kg. for Cap-rive use Rs. 1785.00/kg. for sale to others (Fixed on the recommendations of DPRC after cost examination). | The company is producing from basic stage as compared to Themis who produce from intermediate stage. |
| 4. | Griseofulvin | I. D. P. L. | 19-11-77 Rs. 4925/kg. (declared by IDPL) | A pooled price covering indigenous production and imports was fixed at Rs. 1471/kg. on 31-1-1978. |
| 5. | Phthalyl Sulphanthiazole | Cadila Chemicals IDPL | 3-3-1978 Rs. 129.00/kg. (Do.), May, 1977 Rs. 173.00/kg. (Do.) | A pooled price based on IDPL's indigenous production and imports was fixed at Rs. 129.40/kg. on 30-9-1977. |

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| 6. | Tetracycline Hcl. | IDPL Cynasaid Pfizer Synbiotics | 1970 Rs. 1000/kg. (declared) May, 1970 Rs. 850/kg. (Noti- fied in the Official Gazette) September, 1976 Rs. 650/- (do.) | The price was notified on the recommenda- tions of the High Level Group. |
| 7. | Metronidazole | May & Baker Unichem Ciba Unilabs I.D.P.L. | 1970 Rs. 794.58 (declared by the co.) 1977 Rs. 610.00 (do.) 1977 Rs. 460.00 (do.) 1977 Rs. 460.00 (do.) 1977 Rs. 465.00 (do.) | It was announced on 30-9-77 that dis- tribution facilities of I.D.P.L. for this drug could be availed in case the units are interested to sell at a price of Rs. 460/kg. |